

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1299

ANSWERED ON:23.11.2016

Minority Status

Sonker Smt. Neelam

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms adopted by the Government to provide minority status to a certain national community ;
- (b) the number of communities identified as minorities at national level at present;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide minority status to some communities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and
-] (e) the time by which the Government is likely to take final decision in this regard

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

- (a) As per Section 2(c) of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992, "Minority" means a community notified as such by the Central Government.
- (b) Central Government has notified six communities Viz. Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, Christians, Zoroastrians(Parsis) and Jains as "Minority communities" under Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.
- (c) No Madam.
- (d) &(e) Does not arise.
